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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 2414

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BGEN, AR

SUBJ: IMMINENT RELEASE OF ANTHONY DA CRUZ

REF: A) BA-2380 B) BA-2232

1. AT 19:25 APRIL 7 KODAK GENERAL MANGER, CARLOS CASSINELLI, HELD PRESS CONFERENCE TO OFFER SOME DETAILS OF THE APRIL 2 KIDNAPPING OF ANTHONY DA CRUZ TECHNICAL OPERATIONS MANAGER AT LOCAL KODAK PLANT. CAPTORS WERE IDENTIFIED AS MEMBERS OF " AUGUST 22 BRIGADE" OF THE FUERZAS ARMADAS DE LIBERACION ( FAL; MARXIST- CASTROITE) AND RANSOM BEING DEMANDED IS 15 MILLION PESOS ( APPROXIMATELY US\$1,500,000). CASINELLI REFUSED TO STATE WHETHER RANSOM HAS YET BEEN PAID; HOWEVER, COMPANY OFFICIALS INDICATE PRIVATELY THAT THEY DID PAY RANSOM TODAY AND THAT TOTAL INCLUDED 800,000 DOLLARS.

2. HOLDING OF PRESS CONFERENCE WAS PART OF AGREEMENT REACHED WITH CAPTORS WHO WANTED THEIR IDENTITY AND THE AMOUNT OF RANSOM DEMANDED  
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PUBLICIZED. INTELLIGENCE SOURCES REPORT THAT CAPTORS COMMUNICATED THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO CASSINELLI SHORTLY AFTER ITS CONCLUSION AND INDICATED THAT VICTIM WOULD BE RELEASED WITHIN AN HOUR. THEY LATER CALLED BACK, HOWEVER, TO INFORM KODAK OFFICIALS THAT, DUE TO LAST MINUTE COMPLICATIONS, VICTIM WOULD NOT BE RELEASED UNTIL AFTER 22:00 TONIGHT.

3. CAPTORS, WHO NEGOTIATED WITH COMPANY THROUGH SEVERAL MIDDLE MEN, REPORTEDLY HAVE SUGGESTED THAT VICTIM, FOR HIS OWN SAFETY, SHOULD LEAVE THE COUNTRY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER HIS RELEASE. REAL MOTIVE BEHIND THE RECOMMENDATION OF A QUICK EXIT PROBABLY IS TO PREVENT POLICE AUTHORITIES FROM QUESTIONING DA CRUZ TOO CLOSELY.  
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